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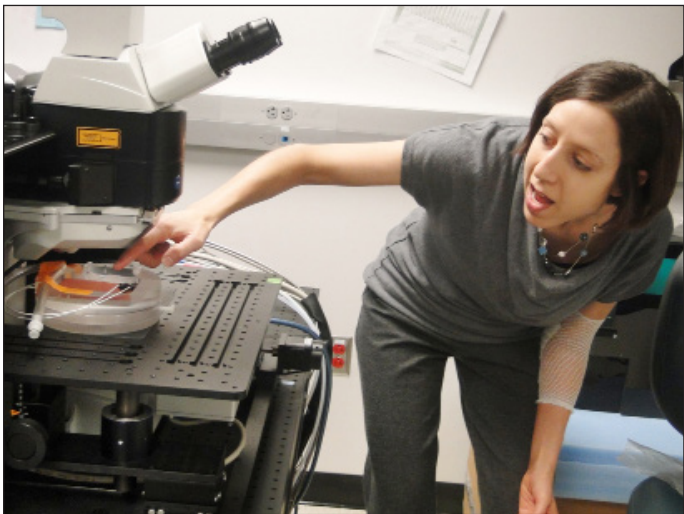
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ELIZABETH STEWART | THE PARTHENON

Maria Serratt, assistant professor of anatomy, stands next to a microscope and demonstrates how she is studying the effects of temperature on bone growth. Serratt received the grant three years ago and is continuing to use the funds for further study.

Grant allows MU professor to study how temperature effects bone growth

By ELIZABETH STEWART
THE PARTHENON

A grant received three years ago by the College of Science at Marshall University is continuing to benefit students and the community. Maria Serratt, assistant professor of anatomy, is using a multi-photon microscope to study how temperature effects bone growth.

"Studies have shown that by heating the limb you can actually increase growth, but we don't really know how that happens, so my hypothesis is that the heat is just causing more blood to be delivered to the bone so you're getting more blood there and you're getting more out of the vessels and into the cartilage," Serratt said.

The multi-photon microscope has been customized to allow Serratt to look at the bone of a mouse while it is still alive while simultaneously heating the limb. The mouse is fully anesthetized during the process.

"What I'm trying to see is how just changing the temperature can impact or increase the amount of blood that's delivered to the bone because the idea is if we're trying to come up with strategies to say, target drug delivery to growth plates of children that have growth impediments or any sort of disease and we want to target

a drug there," Serratt said.

The grant received allowed Serratt to work with other professors in the department to completely customize the microscope to allow for live animal imaging.

"I was able to work with professors at Cornell University, where I learned this technique," Serratt said. "This multi-photon microscope was invented by investigators at Cornell a couple of decades ago and so they were really pioneers and they really continue to push the envelope in terms of the new technologies they do, so I was able to work with some of them to create a system that would let me do the same thing here."

While the research is in the preliminary stages right now, getting to this point has been Serratt's focus since she began teaching at Marshall three years ago.

"We found out during my first year here that the grant was approved for purchasing the microscope, so it was in my second year that I built up the system and my third year that I worked to collect the data," Serratt said. "It's been a long road but I'm excited for where we're at and hopefully we'll continue to move forward."

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MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON

TOP: Marshall University students stopped by the Memorial Student Center on Tuesday to get a cup of hot chocolate. The hot chocolate was free to students and the event was sponsored by the Student Government Association. BOTTOM: SGA senators and students on the SGA cabinet pose for a group shot before the hot chocolate event began.

SGA greets students with hot chocolate

By SEAN DELANCEY
THE PARTHENON

Members of the Marshall University Student Government Association greeted students who arrived to campus early Tuesday with a free cup of hot chocolate.

Ashley Roberts, SGA historian, proposed the idea to SGA executives and organized the handouts as a way to advertise for Wednesday's Plane Crash Ceremony, increase the SGA's visibility, do something nice for students and encourage students to go to class.

Briana Wayland, junior business

marketing major, said she was influenced to get to campus early and get her share of the free hot chocolate.

"I usually get out of my apartment in just enough time to get to class but I got here early because the hot chocolate was ready ad waiting," Wayland said.

Ray Harrell Jr., student body president, said the event was designed to accomplish several things, but it was mainly intended to be a nice gesture from the SGA toward the students they serve.

Elisha Hassan, senate president pro tempore, said the smallest of gestures go a long

way in improving each student's day.

"The senate is constantly working to benefit the student body," Hassan said. "Many times small things like this get pushed aside due to more pressing issues, when the small things make a large impact for the students we serve."

According to Roberts, the SGA may continue to provide free hot chocolate to students in the morning based on the number of students who took a free cup of hot chocolate on Tuesday.

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COLLEEN O'SHEA | THE PARTHENON

Betty Collier-Thomas, author and historian, spoke about the role that women played in the Civil Rights Movement at Marshall University on Tuesday. Collier-Thomas was the final speaker at Marshall's civil rights lecture series.

Civil rights lecture series concludes

By JEREMY BROWN
THE PARTHENON

Tuesday evening Marshall University welcomed author and historian Betty Collier-Thomas as the sixth and final speaker in "The Long Civil Rights Movement in America" lecture series. Collier-Thomas spoke about the often forgotten role women played in Civil Rights Movement.

"Though the many black and white men have been celebrated for their contributions to the African-American struggle for freedom, recognition of women and their organizations has been slow," Collier-Thomas said.

Collier-Thomas argued that the Civil Rights Movement in the United States began well before 1954 and Brown v. Board of Education, women's civic organizations and church groups were essential in bringing about change.

"There would not have been a movement were it not for the women," she said.

As early as 1896 black women were becoming prominent and active in the struggle. In the same year the Supreme Court ruled racial segregation legal with the Plessy v. Ferguson case, the National Association of Colored Women was founded as a coalition of black women's religious leaders. Collier-Thomas points out the NACW not only battled segregation, but they were the first activist organization to forcefully confront the practice lynching in the South.

Despite harassment from unsympathetic journalists, the media called the women everything

from liars to thieves and prostitutes, they persisted and grew stronger.

Collier-Thomas said in light of the slanderous campaigns the women realized the power of interracial coalitions and began working with powerful Caucasian women and Caucasian women's groups to achieve their agenda. Eventually the NACW became involved with the internationally known Young Women's Christian Association, which until that time excluded blacks.

"By 1915, African-American leaders were actively soliciting the help of white religious and secular moderates in organizing the Southern attack on racism," she said.

Over time, many influential interracial women's groups formed including the prominent Church Women United, which by 1950 represented more than 10 million protestant women. The CWU's endeavors to stifle segregation and racism extended beyond just the black and white struggle too. CWU leaders, for example, loudly protested Japanese internment in America during World War II.

Collier-Thomas points out these efforts by these women brought about the fundamental changes in race relations which took place in America.

"The CWU played a significant role in laying the groundwork for the launching of the modern civil rights movement," she said.

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ONE on ONE

Samuel Craigo sits down with the Herd's goalkeeper



Daniel Withrow

Co-Conference USA Player of the Year



Q: If you could change any moment in history what would it be?
A: World War II. Way too many people died.

Q: What drives you?
A: Perfection. Everybody strives to be perfect.

Q: Whom do you despise?
A: LeBron James, I can't stand him. He is a punk and way too arrogant.

Q: What is your motto?
A: "Live life to the fullest. No Regrets."

Daniel Withrow is a senior, starting goalie for the Marshall University Thundering Herd men's soccer team. He was recently named co-C-USA Player of the Year. The secondary education major from Rochester Hills, Mich., finished out his soccer career with Marshall on Nov. 3. He was named captain his junior year and he holds the single season shutout record at 9.5. At the close of the 2012-2013 season, Withrow was ranked second in the division for shot save percentage. He was named to the All-C-USA team two years in a row, and was the only goalkeeper elected to the C-USA team in 2011. He was selected as Conference USA Defender of the Year and Second Team All-Midwest region in 2010.

Q: If you could inherit a certain skill what would it be?
A: Flying or to be able to travel like that movie "Jumper."

Q: What is your greatest love in life?
A: My family.

Q: What is your greatest fear?
A: Spiders. I am so afraid of getting bit by a spider and dying.

Q: How would you like to die?
A: Quick, I don't care what it is.

Q: What is your favorite place you've been to?
A: Northern Michigan. Coolest place in the world in my mind.

Q: What trait about yourself do you hate the most?
A: Trying to be perfect.

Q: Which living person do you look up to most?
A: My father, He has a lot of hard times and has provided everything we have ever asked. If I am half the man he is I consider myself a success.

Q: Where would you live if you could live anywhere in the world?
A: Rome. I am a history buff.

Q: So far, what is your greatest achievement?
A: Being selected as team captain of the Marshall University soccer team my junior year.

Q: If you were to die and reincarnate what would you choose to come back as?
A: An otter. Weird answer, I know. All they do is float and chill all day long, and they have no worries.

Q: When do you think it is okay to lie?
A: Probably never. It may solve a problem in the short run, but honesty is the best policy.

Q: Which historical figure do you identify most with?
A: Thomas Jefferson. He was responsible for writing everything we base today off of.

Over the next few weeks The Parthenon will run edited transcripts of several Q & A's with representatives of Marshall University's sports community. The interviews, conducted by reporters in the sports reporting class, incorporate a questionnaire style borrowed, in part, from French writer Marcel Proust and made famous in the back pages of Vanity Fair magazine.

Women's assistant soccer coach completes seventh season

By KARA KUCIN
THE PARTHENON

Assistant coach for the women's soccer team recently completed his seventh season on the Thundering Herd's coaching staff. Scott Letts attended Marshall and competed on the men's soccer team from 2003 to 2006 as the central defender, captain and four-year starter.

Letts is originally from Nottingham, England, where he says the game of soccer is quite different.

"In England the pace of the game is very fast, you tend to

have very little time on the ball to make decisions," Letts said.

For Letts it didn't take him long to adjust from playing to coaching soccer.

"If you remove the physical element, the game is the same when you analyze strengths and weaknesses of the opposition and expose them when they are at their weakest point," Letts said. "Once you start coaching you become such a stronger player, as everything seems to be so much simpler."

Letts has taught men as well as women in the past. Letts said

men are physically stronger and faster, which can turn the game into more of a battle.

"Sometimes girls can be a little dramatic at times," Letts said. "However, they are better in the classroom and smarter all together."

Letts said he could easily go home to England to coach but it is harder in the United States college game to be successful with all of the rules in the NCAA.

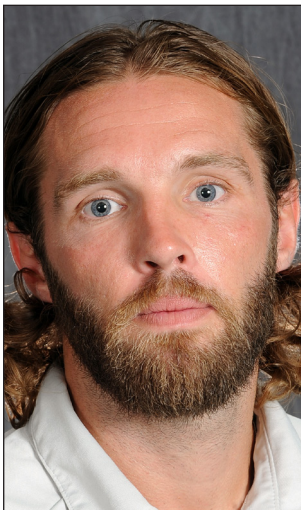
"I feel like in the U.S. you can develop players and nurture their talent, that's the part that I really enjoy," Letts said.

Since the women's season has finished, Letts has been training for the Houston Ironman competition. He has been running, biking and swimming every day to get prepared for the race.

Letts hopes to coach someday in England, whether it was male or female, at any level.

Letts and his women's team finished their season with a record of 7-11-1. The Herd will teach an Elite College ID clinic on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 1 p.m. The cost for the camp is \$125.

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LETTS

Cross Country runner's path to Marshall

By CAITIE SMITH
THE PARTHENON

Running away from home was one of those things parents said never to do. But some times, running away from home has purpose.

Marshall cross country senior Peter Starnes feels the purpose everyday.

One of only two out-of-state runners on the Marshall University's cross country team. Starnes' home is in Celina, Ohio, about four and half hours from Huntington.

"I'm not sure why I picked Marshall," Starnes said. "I visited with my mother and if I remember correctly, I said 'I think this is the place' before we even finished our visit. That was one of the best decisions I ever made."

This past weekend, the Marshall cross country teams ran in NCAA Regionals at Penn State University. Starnes was the top placer for the Thundering Herd, posting a time of 32:13. The race was his best finish of the season and his best race as a collegiate runner.

"Running a career high best time is really the ultimate goal for every race," Starnes said. "I just wanted to get a good scoring pace and time regardless of how I finished on the team."

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble; and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Column

The Republican path forward

By KEITH YOST

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY VIA UWIRE

I'm usually skeptical of claims made by party faithfuls who, in the aftermath of losing an election, claim that no ideological adjustments are necessary to win the next election. When Kerry was defeated by Bush, I rolled my eyes as the surviving liberal rump of the Democratic Party blamed their loss on a lack of partisan purity. Similarly, I rolled my eyes when 2009 Republicans said the path forward was a return to conservative principles. To me, in both instances, the remedy for electoral losses was a simple application of median voter politics: moving toward the middle yields more victories than retreating to extremes. A bitter medicine for those who belong to those extremes, perhaps, but Hippocrates would recommend no other.

In the wake of the 2012 elections, I have come to the opposite conclusion. If the Republican party changes nothing in the next four years, it will still enjoy excellent chances of taking the White House.

In very small part, this is because my move-to-the-middle prescription for losing parties has been defied by the evidence of the past decade. Democrats made large gains in 2006 and 2008 even as they refused all compromise and obstructed much of Bush's agenda. Republicans succeeded similarly in 2010 by running a slate of Tea Party ideologues.

But for the most part, Republicans can safely shrug off this election because it is plainly different than the sea changes we witnessed in the previous three elections. The media has been quick to diagnose Republicans as victims of shifting demographics, and claim that their party is in decline because of a growing population of Hispanics and other Democratic constituencies. But demography is not destiny, at least not yet. This was not the sort of rebuke that Republicans received at the end of Bush's second term. Nor was this the sort of rebuke that Democrats received in the 2010 midterm elections. Four hundred and thirty-five seats were up for grabs in the House of Representatives, and Republicans looked set to win almost as many as they had before. Do the pundits panicking over the GOP's prospects think that Latino voters came out to the polls for the president, but did not bother to vote in house races? The Senate remained more or less unchanged as well, and in those races we do not see much evidence of demography flipping the outcome. In Indiana and Missouri, the GOP ran particularly poor candidates who weren't just bad at appealing to a new electorate, but any electorate. And in North Dakota and Montana (states that Nate Silver, hallowed be his name, incorrectly predicted would go red), Democrats won by running as far away from President Obama as their voting record would let them. Technically, Democrats didn't even take the Republican senate seat in Maine — the winner, Angus King, ran as a true independent. This is not a Democratic majority that has any sort of grand, progressive agenda.

This isn't to say that Republicans shouldn't soften their message on social issues, or defer more to their pro-business wing when voting on immigration. There's no reason for the party to throw away free votes. But the media's claim that this election was about a changing American electorate is utterly false. In 49 of 50 states, self-identified conservatives still outnumber self-identified liberals — only in our own little bubble of Massachusetts is the opposite true. America remains a center-right country, with no eminent change on the horizon — if anything, the past few years have seen a sharp increase in those identifying themselves as conservative.

So what happened? If it was not young, female minorities that did Romney in, then what did?

Do you think the Thundering Herd will win its final two games and become bowl-eligible?

■ Yes
■ No

The following are the results from the most recent poll question: Following Colorado's decision to legalize the recreational use of marijuana, do you think the rest of the nation should follow suit?

■ Yes 51% - 28 votes
■ No 49% - 27 votes

Visit marshallparthenon.com to share your opinion.

Editorial

Antibiotics, like painkillers, are prescribed freely in West Virginia

Abuse of prescription painkillers is one of the biggest issues plaguing West Virginia residents and the problem is due in large part to the convenience and accessibility of getting a prescription filled in West Virginia. While regulations are being placed on doctors who prescribe pain medications and pharmacists who fill such prescriptions, numbers are still staggering.

Like painkillers, antibiotics too are prescribed in high volume in the Mountain State. A study issued Tuesday by the Center for Disease Dynamics Economics and Policy reported that West Virginia ranks second in the nation for the number of prescriptions filled. The mountain state also saw the smallest decrease in prescriptions of any state in the past 11 years, with a mere

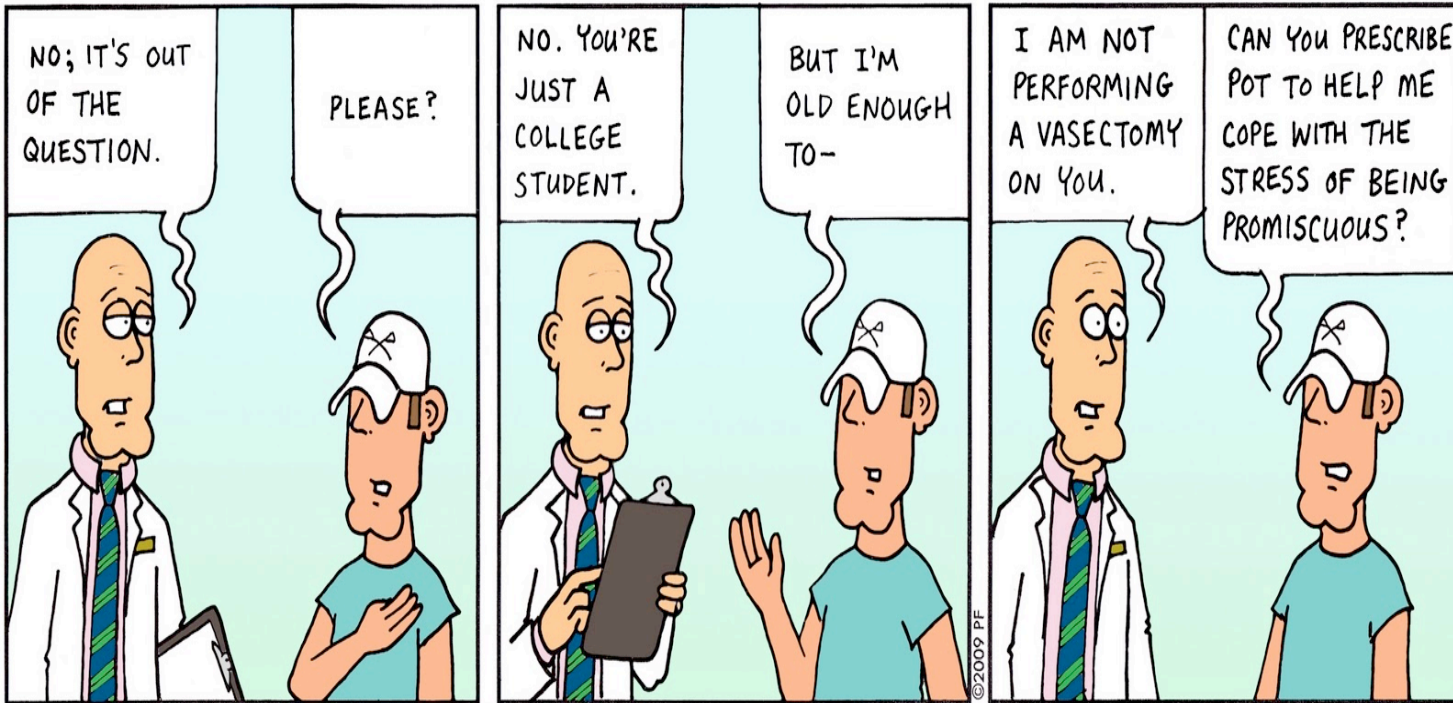
one percent drop.

As more and more antibiotics are prescribed, the drugs lose their effectiveness. Often the purpose of antibiotics is misunderstood. People mistakenly seek out antibiotics to treat viral infections such as the flu or the common cold, while antibiotics are intended to cure bacterial infections. To promote awareness of antibiotics and how they should be used, the Centers for Disease Control has been declared this week as the "Get Smart About Antibiotics Week."

In 2010, a startling 1,178 prescriptions for antibiotics were filled for every 1,000 West Virginians. West Virginia's figures were just shy of neighboring Kentucky who leads the nation with 1,197 antibiotic prescriptions for every 1,000 residents.

BLUNDERGRADS

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Column

Marijuana remains illegal despite recent voting

By GABRIEL STOFFA

IOWA STATE U. VIA UWIRE

Barack Obama was elected to a second term. Same-sex marriage was legalized in more states. But the vote that seems to maintain the highest amount of "hoorahs" and high fives was the legalization for recreational use of marijuana in Washington and Colorado.

Before any tokers out there pack your bags to move to the new havens of haze, keep in mind that marijuana legalization is not yet actually a reality.

But, this "trifling" detail is unlikely to prevent hundreds of thousands of those that enjoy that baked sensation from traveling to one of the American Amsterdams.

With the exodus of folks, and the likely immense bump in vacationing for a few days, there comes a great many challenges besides the already daunting decision of whether to smoke Canna Sutra, Nigerian, Purple Kush or any of the many other connoisseur marijuana strains.

Though increased tourism can be an excellent way to generate more funds for communities, weekend warriors from just across state lines, or anyone flying in to kiss the sky for a few days, can cause unanticipated troubles for maintaining the peace.

Denser traffic from deliveries or responsible stoners hailing cabs, to increased lines for purchases, to people with kine bud

mindsets just chilling in the park or playing some tunes in public, crowding can become a safety issue.

Although there is little to no evidence to support the asinine claims concerning marijuana's influence on individuals to make them violent or cause death, scores of stumbley folks searching for munchies or strolling along taking in the pleasant vibes of life in the city does not mean the criminals out there are giving a pass to those chiefin' the reefer. There are oodles of individuals spoiling for fights or happy to rob tourists or others in a less than perfectly attentive state of mind of their possessions.

Operating vehicles, or merely meandering down the street under the influence presents a problem. Driving while high is like driving while drunk, you do not pass "GO" and collect \$200. But that won't stop people from trying anyway.

Marijuana traces can stay in your system weeks after smoking, even if you haven't taken a bong rip for a few days. There is, as of now, no simple way for police to establish whether you are blazed, so when they suspect it, you likely head down to the station in cuffs.

Coming up next is drug testing for jobs. Public employees, and even a fair number of private, also have the wall of "random" urine tests to worry

about. For residents of Colorado and Washington, despite the "legality" of your action, your job can still suspend or fire you for using an illegal substance.

The granddaddy of all woes for the 4/20 movement comes with the war on drugs. States can legalize weed all the live-long day, and it amounts to diddly-squat because Tetrahydrocannabinol remains a Schedule I hallucinogenic or psychedelic drug under the Controlled Substances Act, Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970. And since federal law trumps state law, all this kine bud hype could go up in smoke.

But on the optimistic side, state-support for marijuana could lead to change for the idiotic regulation and spending wasted on combating cannabis consumption and incarceration of pleasant people wanting only to smoke a joint after a hard day of work and eat a Twinkie or two.

The legalization for therapeutic use — easing attention-deficit issues, regulating sleep difficulties, assuaging anxiety, dealing with mild to moderate depression, muscle relaxation or even relieving the suffering to some extent of the terminally ill — has been embraced more and more at the state level, with the overall goal in mind of

ending the more-harm-than-good prohibition of pot.

The potential for trafficking from Washington and Colorado into other states could result in some serious legal attention by those unscrupulous entrepreneurs wanting to turn a profit illegally. The federal government's war on drugs might see this as reason to sue to repeal the state's legalization.

Myriad political and legal aspects surrounding recreational legalization play out positively and negatively, sometimes both at once, to the future of marijuana in the United States. The Obama administration has shown little sign of support so far for decriminalization, however given the fund potential from legalization for assisting economic recovery — due to taxing and decreased spending for enforcement — these might be the pebbles that start an avalanche.

If you want change, go to Petitions.WhiteHouse.gov and sign the various movements each month to get marijuana decriminalization brought often to the eye of the White House. Contact your state representatives with your support for change, to push for legalization in your own state. Tell your friends and family about the changes coming. Who knows, maybe this country is finally moving beyond the antiquated notions somehow still steering our country.



Daniel Wagner, of the Obama campaign analytics team, poses for a photograph at “The Cave,” the team’s office inside campaign headquarters Nov. 9 in Chicago.

Obama campaign’s investment in data crunching paid off

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CHICAGO — Early on Election Day, in two tight, tucked-away rooms at Obama headquarters known as the Cave and the Alley, the campaign’s data-crunching team awaited the nation’s first results, from Dixville Notch, a New Hampshire hamlet that traditionally votes at midnight.

Dixville Notch split 5-5. It did not seem an auspicious outcome for the president.

But for the math geeks and data wizards who spent more than a year devising sophisticated models to predict which voters would back the president, Dixville Notch was a victory. Their model had gotten it right, predicting that about 50 percent of the village’s voters were likely to support President Barack Obama.

Daniel Wagner, the 29-year-old chief analytics officer, erupted in joy. The model was also projecting that Obama would be re-elected. And as the night wore on, swing state after swing state came in with results that were very close to

the model’s prediction.

For the nation, Nov. 6 was Election Day. For Wagner’s crew, it’s now known as Model Validation Day.

“We’re kind of a weird bunch of kids,” he said, standing near the Cave, where one wall was covered with a large canvas of a Martian landscape. “I haven’t seen the sun in a while. We worked brutally inhuman hours this cycle. Twenty-hour days, often. But they bet a lot on us being right. And it was good to be right.”

For years, campaigns have used reams of information to predict voter behavior, relying on a science known as analytics. But Obama’s advisers elevated the practice to new heights, very likely changing the way presidential campaigns will be conducted in the future.

No other presidential campaign has so completely embraced this science. The campaign hired a team that topped out at 54 people and invested undisclosed millions in the effort. Analytics helped the campaign efficiently recruit volunteers, buy ads, tailor emails and mailers, raise money, dispatch surrogates — and, most importantly,

scour the swing states for hard-to-find voters most likely to support the president.

Political guru David Plouffe and campaign manager Jim Messina made key decisions based on real-time reports from the geek squad, according to many people on the campaign’s staff.

“Our entire goal is to make the maximum use of our time and our volunteers’ time. And that means using analytics across the campaign spectrum,” Messina said after the election. “We invested unprecedented resources to do this because our entire theory was to get as micro-targeted — to get as close to the ground — as we could.”

Another campaign official, who asked not to be named because he was not authorized to speak for the campaign, put it this way: “It’s about turning over control to some nerds. And more than any other year, campaign leadership really took that leap of faith.”

For campaign professionals, that is a major leap. Politics long has been ruled by truisms, conventional wisdom and intuition, with millions spent

based on a murky mix of polling and focus groups. The shift to data-driven decision-making has been gradual and steady — becoming increasingly sophisticated as political parties amass more information about individual voters through traditional means, such as polls, and new ones, such as data mining.

The Obama campaign has made the transition over two elections. In this one, it employed analytics in a far more systematic and thorough way, officials said. But the work was a closely guarded secret. Officials denied requests for interviews with the analytics experts, and when journalists visited Obama headquarters, the team was ordered to shut the Cave door.

Victory opened that door — a crack.

At its most basic, Messina, Wagner and others explained, the goal was to rank individual voters in the swing states based on their likelihood of voting for the president or of being persuaded to vote for him, to volunteer for his campaign and to vote early. The Obama campaign developed separate models for each.

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Collier-Thomas’s presentation concluded “The Long Civil Rights Movement in America” lecture series, which brought an array of speakers to campus to discuss the history of civil rights in America.

History co-professor Joan Browning, who worked with Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, headed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in

the 1960s, called the roster of speakers that came to campus this semester “a stellar lineup of visiting historians.”

“It’s been a collective effort of seven sponsors, and countless hours of work by a number of very dedicated folks who believe in the mission of our University,” David Trowbridge, Director of African-American studies at Marshall, said.

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Many of Serratt’s students are going into the medical field, so she has made sure to include others in the research she has taken on.

“We’re very much in the idea phase right now, that’s why I’ve been working with some people in orthopedics to get some work together. What we’ll be trying to do is take what I’m learning here using mice to see if we have enough information to see if we could, maybe three years down the road, run a little clinical trial to see if we could help improve growth in children,” Serratt said. “Heating

the limb or joint is a really simple treatment you can do non invasively in a child and that’s where we’re heading, by using this non invasive heat treatment by heating the joint of a growing child that might be either injured or affected by some sort of disease we want to see if we can use temperature as a therapeutic strategy to increase drug delivery and increase blood flow and volume.”

Serratt said while this may seem like a simple idea, it is a simple idea that has been ignored in research for a really long time.

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The NCAA Regionals is a 10K race for men, as oppose to the typical 8K they run in every other competition.

“All that means is we have one more mile of hurt than we’re used to,” Starnes said. “But at this point in the season we’re all in good enough shape to tough it out. I have to give credit to coach Jeff Small for that.”

Starnes has always been a runner. It runs in the family.

“You realize when you always win the mile run in gym class, you’re good at running,” Starnes said. “My dad ran in high school and college. I figured if he was good and enjoyed it, I had a good shot of that too.”

One of this big elements keeping Starnes going is his faith.

“Whether I have a good or a bad run, I try to remember to thank God every time for

giving me the ability and talent to succeed in the sport I love,” Starnes said. “That’s the only constant worth keeping.”

Starnes is a senior academically, but a junior in eligibility. He will be graduating in May with a degree in geology, and its still undecided whether he will run in graduate school. A lot of that he said depends on his fiance, women’s cross country member Leslie Thomas.

“I’m applying to the same schools that Leslie applied to for Vet school. Whichever school she gets into, that’s where we will go,” Starnes said.

Starnes will begin the next chapter of his life when the couple marries in June.

“It will be hard to top this chapter, but I have a feeling the next one will be even better,” Starnes said. “We might even get a dog, too.”

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Ohio inmate convicted in 1997 slaying is executed

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LUCASVILLE, Ohio — Brett Hartmann is dead.

After 15 years of failed appeals, the condemned Akron man was strapped to a gurney Tuesday morning at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility.

“I’m good. Let’s roll,” he said in his final words as a dose of lethal drugs were shot into his system.

He smiled and gave a thumbs up to his sister as she watched the execution through a glass window.

Sixteen minutes later, at 10:34 a.m., Hartmann was declared dead.

He maintained his innocence since his 1997 conviction for the slaying of Winda Snipes, 46, who lived in Akron’s Highland Square neighborhood.

In a statement released after the execution, Hartmann’s family, which includes a daughter and sister, said they hope the death serves as a “wake-up call to the flaws in our legal system.” Prosecutors have always said there was “overwhelming” evidence of his guilt.

“After numerous appeals and stays of execution, the state of Ohio carried out Brett Hartmann’s death sentence,” Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh said in a

news release. “The evidence was overwhelming that he brutally stabbed and mutilated Winda Snipes. Hopefully, Winda’s friends and family can now start the healing process.”

Hartmann’s sister Diane Morretti and a friend, John McClure, witnessed the execution. Hartmann appeared to smile broadly at his sister as he was dying. He eventually turned away from the window and closed his eyes.

Minutes into the execution, he spoke to prison Warden Donald Morgan.

“This is not going to defeat me,” Hartmann said, according to The Associated Press. Morgan did not respond.

In a 25-minute phone call Monday night with an Akron Beacon Journal reporter, Hartmann, 38, said he was relieved to finally learn his fate in the face of his pending appeals. For several weeks, his future was uncertain due to his appeals to obtain more DNA testing on crime-scene evidence.

He said he had no desire to spend the rest of his life in prison and was hoping to win a second trial and secure additional DNA testing. He said his family knows he is innocent, and he hopes the search for Snipes’ true killer continues.

Obama assures liberals he will raise taxes on wealthy

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama assured labor unions and liberal organizations Tuesday that he’s firmly committed to letting tax cuts for higher incomes expire as scheduled at the end of the year, even as congressional Republicans accused him of refusing to propose a specific plan to settle a looming budget crisis.

Obama met with the labor and liberal groups for an hour at the White House, his first extended meeting with anyone from outside his administration since he won re-election a week ago. He told them he’s committed to raising taxes on higher incomes as he negotiates with Congress on avoiding the “fiscal cliff” of automatic tax increases when Bush-era tax cuts expire at the end of the year and automatic spending cuts negotiated during last year’s debt crisis kick in.

“President Obama today strongly reiterated his steadfast commitment to ensuring that the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest 2 percent finally end Dec. 31 and to protecting the middle class in the process,” said Justin Ruben, executive director of the liberal group MoveOn.org Political Action.

“The president, like we are, is

committed to preserving the tax breaks for the middle class and making sure that rich people pay their fair share,” said AFL-CIO president Richard Trumka. “We’re very committed to making sure that the middle class and workers don’t end up paying the tab for a party that we didn’t get to go to and the president is committed to that as well.”

Ruben sidestepped the question of Obama’s position on Medicare, praising him generally but noting that his group’s 7 million members would fight to protect Medicare and other entitlements from cuts.

“We also appreciate that the president again promised not to balance the budget on the backs of the middle class and the poor,” Ruben said in a statement. “And our members are committed to defending Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security from any benefit cuts as part of a budget deal.”

Obama plans to meet with business executives Wednesday and congressional leaders Friday at the White House. Republicans Tuesday signaled they want to see more specifics from the president, and reiterated their staunch opposition to any change in tax rates.

Almost everything else, though, appeared to be up for discussion, and they want Obama to go first.

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Marshall University remembers...

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On this day in 1970, 75 lives were lost in a plane crash just outside the Tri-State Airport. The plane crashed into a hillside in Wayne County around 7:30 p.m., taking the lives of the 37 Marshall University football players, eight members of the coaching staff, as well as 25 fans and five flight crewmembers. This event marked the worst air tragedy in NCAA sports history.

The team was on its way home after a 17-14 loss to the East Carolina Pirates in Greenville, N.C. when the crash occurred. Originally, the team had planned to drive to and from East Carolina University but later decided to book a 95-seat Southern Airways DC-9 flight.

The plane crashed into the hill just 5,500 feet outside of the airport's

runway. The plane cut through trees, leaving a trail of debris behind. Once the plane was identified, the National Guard was called in and at that point body identification began.

The night after the crash, a memorial took place to commemorate the lives of the deceased at the Memorial Field House.

Forty-two years later, Marshall football players, students, administration, and the Huntington community still remember the lives taken on that night so many years ago.

"It's an honor to play in memory of the people who died doing what they love," Garrett Scott, junior Marshall University football player said. "It's amazing how the team has built itself back up from just about nothing. Knowing that, and knowing everything this town and this team has been

through makes me proud to be a part of the program and to wear that 'M' across my chest."

Today, the Marshall community remembers the lives lost on this day with a memorial service and the ritual of turning off the fountain in the Memorial Student Center Plaza.

President Stephen J. Kopp and Head Coach Doc Holliday are set to speak in commemoration of those who lost their lives that night. After each of the speeches, members of the football team will place flowers around the fountain, with each flower representing a life lost. At that point, the traditional laying of the wreath and turning off the memorial fountain will take place.

The purpose of the memorial and the wreath is to commemorate living and upward growth. An inscription on the wreath

makes a statement about the meaning and purpose of the memorial. The inscription reads:

"They shall live on in the hearts of their families and friends forever, and this memorial records their loss to the university and to the community."

This is a day that will forever sit heavy on the hearts of Marshall University students, administration, faculty, athletes and coaches, alumni and the surrounding Huntington community. Every year on this day, the community comes together to mourn and remember those lives lost in the plane crash. On this special day, not just Marshall, but everyone in the city of Huntington stops to remember that, We Are... Marshall.

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TOP: Flowers are laid at the base of the Memorial Fountain in honor of the 75 lives lost in the 1970 plane crash during the 2011 fountain ceremony. ABOVE: Mickey Jackson, former coach of the Young Thundering Herd at the 41st annual fountain ceremony in 2011.

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